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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has, through a multi-agency effort of the Michigan human services department directors, promulgated a report dated February 15, 1995, and known as “Systems Reform for Children and Their Families: Strategies for Change” (hereinafter sometimes referred to as “the Report”); and,

WHEREAS, the Report contains ten “recommendations critical to implementation” of the Report; and,

WHEREAS, the Report, by its terms, is intended to “design a road map which will facilitate collaborative, seamless, locally-controlled, and family-friendly systems of services”; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Clinton, through its Board of Commissioners and the constituent departments of Clinton County government is and has been a state-wide leader in the organization and implementation of inter-agency and combined cooperative efforts with private sector agencies to meet the social services needs of children and their families, including but not limited to the implementation of the “Families First” program, the “Wrap Around” program, a local council of human services agency directors, and other similar efforts; and,

WHEREAS, the first “key step” in the implementation of the Report, as set forth therein, is the formation, by October 1, 1995, of “one multi-purpose collaborative body as a decision making body to coordinate human services within the community”; and,

WHEREAS, the Report states that what constitutes the “community” is to be defined to include one or more counties; and,

WHEREAS, the Report concludes that “effective collaborative policy-making structures” should be organized to “involve at a minimum: (a) agency directors of the department of social services, community mental health, local public health, intermediate school districts, area agencies on aging, or senior volunteer agencies or their designated representatives with decision-making authority, (b) consumers and families, (c) private agency and community representatives, and (d) prosecutors and probate judges;” and,

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Commissioners is, by Michigan law, charged with the primary local responsibility for the delivery of publicly funded social services within Clinton County, both directly and indirectly, through the various mechanisms of the Mid Michigan District Health Department, the Clinton-Eaton-Ingham Community Mental Health Agency, and the Clinton County Department of Social Services; and,

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Commissioner’s budgets for and works with the Clinton County Prosecutor’s Office and the Juvenile Division of the Clinton County Probate Court, within the overall framework of Clinton County government, for the purpose of assuring the efficient operations of those entities and the delivery of services to the public, specifically including programs to address the need of children and their families; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Clinton is a “local unit” and the Clinton County Board of Commissioners is a “legislative body” under the definitions of, and subject to provisions of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, Act 2 of the Public Acts of 1968, as amended, MSA 5.3228(21) et seq.; MCLA 141.421 et seq.; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VII, Section 8 of the 1963 Constitution of the State of Michigan and MSA 5.331 (q); MCLA 46.11, the Clinton County Board of Commissioners has established Board Rules and County policies and procedures which govern the operation of the Clinton County Board of Commissioners and the various departments of Clinton County government; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to that Constitutional and statutory authority, the Clinton County Board of Commissioners has established Human Services Committee in its bylaws, with original jurisdiction over matters pertaining to County business in the areas of mental health, public health, senior citizens, operations of the Clinton County Department of Social Services, and other similar matters;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The “Collaborative Body” called for in that document dated February 15, 1995, entitled “Systems Reform for Children and Their Families: Strategies for Change” (the Report”) is hereby established within the County of Clinton under the authority and control of the Clinton County Board of Commissioners.

2. The name of the “Collaborative Body” shall be the “Clinton County Human Services Coordinating Council.”

3. The purpose of the Clinton County Human Services Coordinating Council shall be to act as the central decision making authority for coordinating the delivery of social services within the County of Clinton, pursuant to the terms of the Report and the Board Rules, policies and procedures of Clinton County.

4. The membership of the Clinton County Human Services Coordinating Council shall be:

- a. The Director of the Clinton County Department of Social Services;
- b. the Executive Director of the Clinton County Community Mental Health Agency; or her/his designee
- c. the Health Officer/Director of the MMDHD or his/her designee, who shall act as the Chairperson of the Clinton County Human Services Council;
- d. the Superintendent of the Clinton Area Intermediate School District, or his/her designee;
- e. the Clinton County Prosecutor, or his/her designee;
- f. the Clinton County Probate Judge, or his/her designee;
- g. The Executive Director of the Tri-County Aging Consortium or her/his designee;

- h. one representative from consumers or the families of consumers of social services within Clinton County;
- i. one representative from a private agency which provides privately funded social services within Clinton County;
- j. one representative from the Clinton County Board of Commissioners who shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the Clinton County Board of Commissioners.

5. Each member agency/organization shall have one vote. A majority of the members present shall be required to approve matters pertaining to the expenditure of funds.

6. The Clinton County Human Services Coordinating Council shall report as needed to the Human Services Committee of the Clinton County Board of Commissioners, which shall have original jurisdiction over matters pertaining to the operations of the Clinton County Human Services Coordinating Council, pursuant to the Board Rules of the Clinton County Board of Commissioners.

7. To the extent that the Clinton County Human Services Coordinating Council utilizes any non-County funding mechanisms, non-County fiduciaries for the receipt or administration of funding, applies for or receives grants through any non-County member of the Council, or provides services through any non-County member of the Council, appropriate hold harmless and insurance liability coverage language shall be developed and implemented in any contracts, agreements, and documents pertaining thereto as may be deemed necessary to protect the County of Clinton, the Clinton County Board of Commissioners, and its officers, agents, and employees, from any and all liability pertaining to the use, misuse, or misappropriation of funds, or other similar claims; and for any and all claims for personal injury, loss, property damage and other similar claims; pursuant to policies and requirements to be developed and approved by the Clinton County Board of Commissioners.

8. The Clinton County Human Services Coordinating Council shall be operated in accordance with the general guidelines set forth in the Report, and such other and further

guidelines, policies and procedures as may be promulgated by the State of Michigan human services directors, subject to the approval of the Clinton County Board of Commissioners.

9. Nothing contained herein is or shall be construed as a waiver, in whole or in part, of any rights, claims or privileges afforded to the County of Clinton and the Clinton County Board of Commissioners under the provision of the Headlee Amendment, Article IX, Section 29 of the 1963 Constitution of the State of Michigan, or of any other rights, claims or privileges reserved to the County of Clinton and the Clinton County Board of Commissioners under the 1963 Constitution of the State of Michigan and the laws of this state.

10. The Clinton County Board of Commissioners shall review the organization and operation of the Clinton County Human Services Coordinating Council as necessary.

11. This Resolution, which revises the resolution which became effective October 1, 1995, shall be effective January 1, 1997.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

COUNTY OF CLINTON)

I, DIANE ZUKER, Clerk of the County of Clinton do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Clinton County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held December 20, 1996, and is on file in the records of this office.

Diane Zuker, County Clerk